

CLAIMS

I claim:

- 1 1. A skidsteer lock, comprising:
 - 2 a base plate having a front surface, the base plate being
 - 3 adapted for attachment to the skidsteer;
 - 4 first and second sleeves extending normal to the front
 - 5 surface of the base plate;
 - 6 a storage sleeve disposed on the front surface of said base
 - 7 plate;
 - 8 a locking assembly disposed on said first sleeve, the
 - 9 locking assembly having a locked configuration and an unlocked
 - 10 configuration; and
 - 11 a U-bar having an arcuate portion and first and second
 - 12 parallel legs extending from the arcuate portion, the legs being
 - 13 removably inserted in said first and second sleeves, the legs
 - 14 being adapted for receiving a control lever of the skidsteer there
 - 15 between, the U-bar being retained by said locking mechanism when
 - 16 the legs are inserted in said first and second sleeves and said
 - 17 locking assembly is in the locked configuration.

1 2. The skidsteer lock according to claim 1, wherein said
2 locking assembly comprises a housing disposed on said first
3 sleeve and a lock mechanism disposed within the housing, the lock
4 mechanism being movable between a locked position and an unlocked
5 position.

1 3. The skidsteer lock according to claim 2, wherein said
2 lock mechanism is a combination lock mechanism.

1 4. The skidsteer lock according to claim 3, wherein said
2 combination lock mechanism has a changeable combination.

1 5. The skidsteer lock according to claim 1, wherein said
2 locking assembly further comprises a latch member extendible into
3 said first sleeve when said locking assembly is in the locked
4 configuration.

1 6. The skidsteer lock according to claim 5, wherein at
2 least one notch is formed in the first leg of said U-bar, whereby
3 said latch member engages with the slot when the legs are
4 inserted in said first and second sleeves and said locking
5 assembly is in the locked configuration.

1 7. The skidsteer lock according to claim 1, further
2 comprising means for removably securing one of the legs of said
3 U-bar in said storage sleeve.

1 8. The skidsteer lock according to claim 1, further
2 comprising means for attaching said base plate to the safety cage
3 of the skidsteer.

1 9. A skidsteer lock, comprising:
2 a base plate having a front surface, the base plate being
3 adapted for attachment to the skidsteer;
4 first and second sleeves extending normal to the front
5 surface of the base plate;
6 a storage sleeve disposed on the front surface of said base
7 plate;
8 a U-bar having an arcuate portion and first and second
9 parallel legs extending from the arcuate portion, the legs being
10 removably inserted through the first and second sleeves, the first
11 and second legs being adapted for receiving a control lever of the
12 skidsteer there between; and
13 means for locking said first and second legs within said
14 first and second sleeves in order to restrict movement of the
15 control lever.

1 10. The skidsteer lock according to claim 9, further
2 comprising means for removably securing one of the legs of said U-
3 bar in said storage sleeve.

1 11. The skidsteer lock according to claim 9, further
2 comprising means for attaching said base plate to a safety cage of
3 the skidsteer.

1 12. The skidsteer lock according to claim 9, wherein each of
2 the U-bar legs has a distal end passing through said base plate
3 when the legs are inserted through the sleeves, said means for

4 locking comprising a lock mechanism removably attached to the
5 distal end of at least one of the U-bar legs.